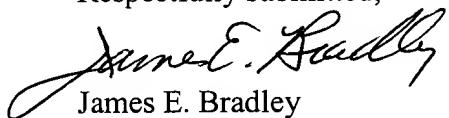


REMARKS

Applicant is submitting the amendment to the claims with corrected status identifiers for claims 5, 6, 14 and 21-23. Applicant regrets any inconvenience caused by the erroneous status identifiers of these claims as presented in the amendment to a non-final office action mailed December 29, 2003. If any fees are due, please charge them to Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. deposit account 50-0259.

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